

DPD 0462-61

25 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] Special Assistant to the DD/P

SUBJECT : Proposed Replacement for [REDACTED] Comptroller,
Development Projects Division

REFERENCE : Official Personnel Folder of [REDACTED] GS-15,
Chief, Industrial Contract Audit Division, Office of
the Comptroller, attached.

1. During Mr. Bissell's recent trip to the Far East, Mr. Edward R. Saunders, Agency Comptroller, visited me to discuss the nomination of a replacement for [REDACTED]. I am sure we were all aware at the time [REDACTED] was confirmed in the position of Acting Comptroller, DPD, that the inside workings of the Comptroller Career Service might eventually face us with the prospect of accepting a replacement who was senior in point of GS grade to Tom. I had my first inkling of this during a discussion in December with the Deputy Director (Support), when he first cast this as a distinct possibility.

2. Mr. Saunders, while attesting to [REDACTED] fine qualities and good performance in DPD, cited his relative lack of seniority as one of the factors dictating the nomination of a more senior individual. [REDACTED] was, and is, Mr. Saunders' nomination for the vacancy created by Doug's departure.

3. Accordingly, a day or two after my meeting with Mr. Saunders, I met with [REDACTED] at some length to discuss the relative complexities of the DPD Comptrollership. I was joined by [REDACTED] and subsequently by Colonel Beerli. In addition, [REDACTED] also had a chance to converse with [REDACTED]. I think I can say without fear of successful contradiction that we are all pleasantly impressed by his attitude and apparent sincere interest in getting on with the job. I explained to him, as I had explained earlier to Mr. Saunders, that prior to formally confirming his nomination,

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25X1A we would need to obtain the concurrence of the Deputy Director (Plans), and additionally, I felt certain that Mr. Bissell would want to interview Mr. [REDACTED] himself.

25X1A 4. It is with this purpose in mind then that I forward the attached
25X1A personnel folder for Mr. Bissell's review, and I will await any further
25X1A action until I hear from [REDACTED] either to arrange an interview with
25X1A [REDACTED] if one is necessary, or to convey to Mr. Saunders Mr. Bissell's
25X1A informal concurrence. [REDACTED] can be available as early as next week,
25X1A and I would personally recommend that we accept the nomination forthwith
25X1A and act to get him up here to begin getting the background he will need to
25X1A carry us through the annual budget exercise. In that regard the only area
25X1A of experience where [REDACTED] acknowledges a certain lack of formal training
25X1A is in the field of budgeting. As an offset to this, Mr. Saunders plans to
25X1A place a trained budget officer in DPD to fill one of the vacancies occur-
ring as a result of the most recent T/O submission. Your advices and com-
ments are solicited without delay.

JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.
Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

Attachment
Personnel Folder

CC: Comptroller, w/o att

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